The Gatekeeper

The offical newsletter of the

Barony of Unser Hafen

March 2025

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Baronial Bite

Newcomers was a grand event. Many thanks to THL Eithne as Steward. The feast was done by our friends in Plattefordham, TH Lord Nicolae and TH Lady Sharon. These people were supported by volunteers to help with the food, the service, the setup and take down of the wonderful decorations. Throughout the event there were members of the populace asking to help, being Lords and Ladies in waiting, making our grand entrance, well grand. Thanks to Bears Gate, who went over and above in service to the Barony.

After our November Newcomers was cancelled, we gave the awards at fighter practice the next day. At our February Newcomers we caught up with those members once again - Lady Cairech Liath ingen Ailpin - Golden Ring, Lord Primus – Keeper of the Portcullis, Lord Vagn Egilsson – Harmonia.

We also gave out awards to Lady Cairech Liath ingen Ailpin – Harmonia, Lord Yngvar of Bears Gate - Keeper of the Portcullis, Lord Galen fitz Thomas - Golden Ring, and Mistress Appolonia Zawmstricker - Skipping Stone.

The King and Queen of the Outlands attended so that they could hear from the populace on who should be the next Baron(ess) and Baroness. After hearing from the populace, the Crown chose Countess Kitta and Baroness Safiyya as the next Baroness and Baroness of Unser Hafen. The Crown also gave out awards to members of the Barony – Lady Valerie, Award of Arms, Lady Laurel, Award of Arms, Lord Roland Stags Blood, and Lord Yngvar Stags Blood.

We also held the competition for Unser Hafen's Pencerrd Bard. The competitors were entertaining, as well as those that were not going for our Bard. M'Lord Viðbjǫrn Orðlokarrto was chosen to be our Pencerrd Bard. Thanks to our past Bard, Lord Egilsson, and Lady Cairech (Kingdom Windover Bard) for organizing the Championship and the other entertainment.

Medieval Nights was in our new place at Locust Cidery in Fort Collins. We had food, ciders, some dancing and a lot of interaction. Lord Agmunder hosted a bardic night at his place of business, Peculier Ales in Fort Collins, for SCA folk and non-SCA folk. Bears Gate and especially Lady Aelia has started a monthly Dance Practice. It was great fun with Lady Aelia, Master Soren, and Baroness Richenda sharing the teaching duties.

Countess Kitta and Baroness Safiyya will need your help, as you have helped us.
To the next Baroness and Baroness of Unser Hafen, Vivat,

Freana, Baron
Richenda, Baroness

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Seneschal's Sentiments

Greetings Unser Hafen!

The Unser Hafen Newcomers event has come and gone with some amazing happenings. My gratitude to The Honorable Lady Eithne and everyone who volunteered and assisted with setup, take down, kitchen and just plain being there. Everything looked lovely!

Countess Kitta & Mistress Safiyya were chosen by the Crown to become our next Baronesses of Unser Hafen. Their Majesties thanked everyone who polled and/or gave Them advice in person. I would like to thank Marcus and Cecilia and Diarmid and Eithne for offering their service to the Barony.

Unser Hafen Baronial Investiture, stewarded by Master Andreas and Lord Gregor, will take place on May 10 th at UNC. I'm sure they could use some help. Please be sure to contact them or myself if you'd like to offer your time and assistance. In addition, Their Majesties and Their Excellencies honored many members of the Unser Hafen Populace with awards. Sir Felix, Valerie, Bears Gate and even myself.

The Household of the Grey Ghost was presented to Their Majesties and Bears Gate was presented with gifts from His Excellency of Mag Mor, Baron Saito Takauji.

The Barony of Unser Hafen's Monthly Populace Meetings are going LIVE!! Starting with the March 19th meeting, we'll be gathering at Old Chicago Pizza and Taproom at 1436 Hahns Peak Drive in Loveland, CO. The time, 6:30 pm, will remain the same. I'm looking forward to seeing all your faces again!

Upcoming events that might interest Unser Hafen include Candlemas in Dragonsspine, Kingdom A&S Competition in Fontaine Dans Sable, Spring Crown Tournament hosted by the Shire of Nahrun Kabirun and, of course, Unser Hafen Investiture. For more information on these or any other events, details are available on the Outlands and Unser Hafen calendars.

The offices of Baronial Quartermaster and Barbican (Baronial) Herald are still available. If you're interested, information about these positions is available on the Unser Hafen website in the "Call for Officers," in the Herald's Call in this newsletter, or ask me or Andreas directly. Please consider volunteering for these positions. Also, if you only want to dip your toe into the pool, many of us are looking for Deputies!

Until we meet again, I remain yours in service,

Meadhbh

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Herald's Call

Greetings, Unser Hafen!

I hope you are all enjoying your March (the best month!). On the first of this month I am stepping up as White Stag Principal Herald for the Kingdom. I would very much like to hand the duties of this office to a successor. If you are interested in learning about the position, please reach out!

- You don't need to know everything, or even anything, to start out!
- I will train you and will set you up with all the resources you need to be successful
- All I ask is that you have an appetite for learning new things

Thank you to everyone who came by the heraldic consultation table at Newcomers! If you wanted to come by but weren't able to, please don't hesitate to drop me a line - there's no time like the present.

-- Andreas, Barbican (Acting)

Scribal Notes

March's Scribal Night Social will be on the third Monday, March 17th. Bring projects, questions and general enthusiasm to share!

As always, dinner will be available at 6pm and project space/class time at 6:30 pm. If you would like to partake of dinner and have any food restrictions or allergies, please let Regalis know so she can plan accordingly. Or if you would like to provide dinner, volunteers are always appreciated!

Call for Deputies! The Scribal Office for the Barony of Unser Hafen is in need of Deputies! No artistic skill required for the office. Message Regalis to learn more. You can contact her at scribe@unserhafen.org, via the Book of Faces or Discord, or at any local event.

Scroll Documenting! If you have received an award scroll, or created one, during the

If there is a topic you would love to see covered at future Scribal Nights, please do not hesitate to share! Please email scribe@unserhafen.org with your ideas!

Yours in Service,
Regalis dei Falchi and Galen FitzThomas,
Your Friendly Neighborhood Scribal Team

March's Scribal Night Social will be on the third Monday, March 17th at the home of Regalis dei Falchi, 5318 Ravenswood Lane, Johnstown CO. Map
Bring projects, questions and general enthusiasm to share!

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Fighter Practice

And A&S Gathering

Sundays
2:00 pm to 5:00 pm
CSU Glenn Morris Fieldhouse
901 S College Ave, Fort Collins
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Medieval Night

Locust Cidery

First Monday of every month,
6-9 pm at Locust Ciderry,
200 Walnut St, Fort Collins.
Map
Free Admission

Garb is encouraged but not required.

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White Rose Inn

On the 2nd Wednesday of every month, the White Rose Inn will open for an evening of warmth and hospitality in Unser Hafen. We are branching out a little this year from food. We may have bardic, crafts, or other topics. See the list below.
No SCA garb is required (unless noted. See June), and you are welcome to bring along food if you don't have time for dinner. We usually have snacks to share.
The Inn will rotate between Fort Collins, Loveland and Greeley.

Wednesday March 12, 2025
The Inn will be at the home of Baroness Hélène Boudin
2114 42nd Avenue in Greeley
Phone (970) 590-7602
Subject: In Honor of St. Patrick Songs, stories and food

Wednesday April 9, 2025
The Inn will be at the home of Baroness Richenda and Baron Freana
1232 Lawrence Drive in Fort Collins
Phone (913) 219-3808
Subject: Medieval Easter

Wednesday May 14, 2025
The Inn will be at the home of Countess Rosalind and Master Thorfinn
3601 El Caminito in Loveland
Phone (970) 667-1284
Subject: Cooking with FIRE! Basic outdoor cooking. **Carpool if you can**, parking is tight.

Wednesday June 11, 2025
The Inn will be at the home of Countess Rosalind and Master Thorfinn
3601 El Caminito in Loveland
Phone (970) 667-1284
Subject: Bardic for Battlemoor Come prepare for singing around the campfire. Bring a song, story, or food to share. **Please wear garb to this one and carpool if you can.**

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Call for Submissions

Anyone can write for the Gatekeeper!

Do you have an article or story that you would like to share with the populace? Send it to chronicler@unserhafen.org and it will be reviewed for inclusion in the Gatekeeper.

activity that you normally post to Facebook? Please forward that information to webminister@unserhafen.org and chronicler@unserhafen.org as well so that it can be posted using all of our communication.

Submissions are due by the 27th of the month (expect February, when it is the 24th,) but are accepted at any time.

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Volunteer Opportunities

Get to really know your fellow gentles. Participate instead of just attend. Don't just live the dream. Be one of the ones who make the dream a reality.

Why do we help? Because we care. Because we love the game. Because we know we belong and so do you.

We are the doers, we are the makers, we bear the spirit of the Pelican. And so can you!

Build your renown, your competence, skills, confidence and make more friends who have the same chivalrous and generous heart as you.

Volunteer opportunities range from Event Stewards, Officers and Deputies, PayPal Check-ins, Event Cooks and staff. There are even some openings in the Media Team.

How do you want to join the team? Let us know! There's room at the table for you too!

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Baronial Goings On

Armoured and Fencing Practice/ A&S Gathering
Sundays,2:00 p.m - 5:00 PM
See Fighter Practice section above for

Barbican Office Hours
When: The second Thursday of January, the 9th.

activities, and general SCA socializing! Updates can be found on the Book of Faces.
Garb is encouraged

Archery Practice
Winter archery practice is on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month from 2 pm to 4pm at Rocky Mountain Archery 4518 Innovation Dr. in Fort Collins. Map

Note: We may start a few minutes late to allow everyone to clear out of private events before opening.

Find us in the "Unser Hafen Archers" group on Facebook for any short notice changes to the schedule.

Calligraphy &/or Illumination
Contact: Regalis dei Falchi
Email:scribe@unserhafen.org

Scribal Night
Every 3rd Monday at 6:30PM at the home of Lady Regalis dei Falchi, 5318 Ravenswood Lane, Johnstown, CO, (map) or virtually - check the Book of Faces for links to the meetings.

For more information contact scribe@unserhafen.org.

Equestrian Practice
Fourth Sunday of every month.
Contact: Lady Cecelia O'Connor
970-420-6652

What: Unser Hafen's Herald, Barbican Pursuivant, hosts monthly in-person office hours for anyone interested in any aspect of heraldry to come and speak to him. Interested in researching or submitting your name or heraldry? Want to learn more about heraldic display or what heralds did in period? Want to learn more about what heralds do in the SCA or how the College of Arms works? Interested in becoming a herald? Already a herald and want to practice your conflict-checking, name documentation skills, or OSCAR commentary skills? All these and more are fair game, come on by!

Going on in Sterling

Medieval Night
First Saturday of the month at 6:00pm.
High Plains Dice and Games
100 Broadway Street Suite 12
Sterling, CO 80752

Archery Practice
First Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm.
North Sterling State Park Range
24005 Co Rd 330
Sterling, CO 80751
For more details, contact Shelbybrandes1@gmail.com or Alan.e.brandes@gmail.com.

Visit the Website for more info, directions and any changes to the schedule for any of these activities. .

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Disclaimer

Although the SCA complies with all applicable laws to try to ensure the health and safety of our event participants, we cannot eliminate the risk of exposure to infectious diseases during in-person events. By participating in the in-person events of the SCA, you acknowledge and accept the potential risks. You agree to take any additional steps to protect your own health and safety and those under your control as you believe to be necessary.

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Upcoming Events

Die Lichtmess Spergauer,
A German Candlemas & Multi-Baronial A&S
Saturday. March 1st, 8:0 am -- 7:00 pm
There will be: a Multi-Baronial Arts and Sciences Competition, an Atlantian Speed Tournament for our fencers, merchants, a feast, and so much more.

Eastside Church of Christ
5905 Flntridge Drive
Colorado Springs CO 80918
Event Site

Kingdom A&S Competition
Saturday, March 22nd, 8:30 am to 7:00pm

McGee Park Multi Use Building (MUB)
41 Road 5568, Farmington, New Mexico
Event Site

Feast of the Valkyries
Saturday, April 5th, 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

Converse Countuy Library
Glenrock Meeting House
506 South 4th Street
Glenrock, Wyoming
Map
Event Site

Spring Crown Tournament
Friday, April 11th at 2:00 pm to

Caballo Lake State Park
10 Palomino Road,
Caballo, New Mexico
Map
Event Site

Dragon's Fount of Knowledge
Saturday, May 3rd, 10:30 am to 5:30 pm

Library 21C
1175 Chapel Hills Drive
Colorado Springs, 80919
Map
Event Site

Unser Hafen Baronial Investiture (Tentative)
Saturday, May 1oth, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Northern Colorado University Center
2101 10th Avenue,
Greeley, CO 80639
Map
Event Site

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Check the Unser Hafen website or The Book of Faces for additional upcoming events and locations.

Populace Meeting

Third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m.
Old Chicago Pizza & Taproom
1436 Hahns Peak Drive
Loveland, CO 80538
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Kingdom Calendar

Please visit
https://www.outlands.org/events
for the most up-to-date information.

Court of Unser Hafen

His Excellency
Baron Freana Geardson
baron@unserhafen.org

Her Excellency
Baroness Richenda de la Selva
baroness@unserhafen.org

Court Herald - Sir Felix Sniumi
Defender - Lord Primus
Protector - Don Andreas
Warden - Alain du Chateau
Equerry - Mistress Llamnei
Arts & Sciences Champion - Lady Regalis dei Falchi
Pencerdd Bard - Viðbjǫrn Orðlokarrto
Barbican Persuivant - Don Andreas von Meißen
Head of Household - Lady Euphemia de Argyll

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Call for Letters of Intent

Officers & Deputies

Barbican Pursuivant (Unser Hafen Baronial Herald)

Here be proclaimed the call for Letters of Intent for the Office of Barbican Pursuivant (Unser Hafen Baronial Herald)! Are you interested in helping people research and register their names and heraldry? Would you like to learn how to run courts or announce the fighters at tournaments? Are you eager to learn about the history of heraldry? You will receive on-the-job training prior to taking over as Barbican Pursuivant as Andreas transitions to his new role as Palmer Herald, deputy to White Stag Principal Herald.

Quartermaster

Call for Letters of Intent for the Office of Quartermaster, who maintains and tracks equipment and assists Event Stewards with access to the storage unit.

In your letter please include:

- A brief introduction to yourself, including your experience within the SCA and those skills you possess which make you a good candidate.
- Confirmation that you are indeed interested and desirous of the position.
- Optionally, you can provide a listing of awards you have received.
- Your modern name
- Your society/ SCA name.
- Your postal address.
- Your telephone number.
- Your email address.
- A copy of your membership card or membership number.

Officers must maintain SCA membership for the duration of their tenure.

Please send your letter to the following:

- The Unser Hafen Seneschal, Baroness Meadhbh Daingen int Slébh, via seneschal@unserhafen.org
- The Unser Hafen Baron and Baroness, Freana and Richenda, via baronage@unserhafen.org

Thank you for volunteering to help run our Barony!

More information can be found at: https://unserhafen.wixsite.com/unserhafen/call-for-officers

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Baronial Officers

Seneschal:
President
Baroness Meadhbh Daingen Int Slebhe
seneschal@unserhafen.org

Chancellor of the Exchequer:
Treasurer
Mistress Ursula d\'Arcy
exchequer@unserhafen.org

Barbican Pursuivant Herald:
Assists members with names and devices
Don Andreas von Meißen
(Andrew R. Mizener, Ph.D)
herald@unserhafen.org

Scribe:
Creates award scrolls
Lady Regalis dei Falchi
[Lord Galen FitzThomas}]
scribe@unserhafen.o

Minister of Arts and Sciences:
Development of Arts and Sciences
Countess Kitta Ragnvaldsdottir
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Chronicler:
Creates this newsletter
Lady Caillech dhe Silvertongue
chronicler@unserhafen.org

Web Administrators
Maintains the website
Laurel M. & Valerie F.
webministerl@unserhafen.org

Social Media Officer
Manages social media accounts such as Facebook
Lady Dagny Innaldi
socialmedia@unserhafen.org

Knight Marshal:
Martial Arts Coordinator
Sir Uchtred Leifsson
knightmarshal@unserhafen.org

Captain of Archers:
Archery Coordinator
Earl Mika Longbow
earlmika@aol.com

Marshal of Fence:
Fencing Coordinator
Don Martin de Cuniga
[Maksym Wilozynski]
fence@unserhafen.org

Equestrian:
Coordinates the organization and safety of equestrian activities.
Lady Cecelia O'Connor
equestrian@unserhafen.org

Chatelaine/ Gold Key:
Public Relations and Welcome Coordinator
Proviides loaner garb for newcomers
Gilbertus de Messina
[Lady Caírech Liath ingen Alpin]
chatelaine@unserhafen.org

Quartermaster:
Coordinates storage, upkeep, and transportation of Baronial property
Looking for a replacement. See Call for Letters
Lord Galen FitzThomas
quartermaster@unserhafen.org

{Deputies are listed in brackets.}

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Awards and Recognitions

Hype your friends!

If it takes work, there's probably an award for it.
Information on how and why to recommend someone for an award and instructions on how to do so is available on the website.
A list of Baronial Awards can be found here.
A list of Kingdom Awards, and awards available from other groups, is available here.

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Wimble Herald

- http://wimble.outlandsheralds.org/index.php

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- https://www.google.com/maps/place/Gryphon+Games+and+Comics/@40.5518711,-105.0970032,18.33z/data=!4m6!3m5!1s0x87694b0722773bc9:0xfa91cd56d0a6fbe2!8m2!3d40.5517128!4d-105.0974072!16s%2Fg%2F1hc34g714?hl=en&authuser=0

Barony of Unser Hafen website:

- https://unserhafen.org

Barony of Unser Hafen Facebook page:

- https://www.facebook.com/BaronyOfUnserHafen/

Armoured and Fencing Website:

- https://unserhafen.org/rapier-heavy-summer
- Map for Edora Park: https://www.google.com/maps/@40.5648628,-105.0512051,283m/data=!3m1!1e3?entry=ttu

Archery Website:

- https://unserhafen.wixsite.com/unserhafen/archery-summer

Kingdom Calendar:

- https://www.outlands.org/events

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